

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 12, 2010 has been fully considered by the Applicant.

The allowance of Claims 18 and 20 and the indication that Claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form is gratefully acknowledged.

By way of the present amendment, dependent Claims 5 and 7 have been incorporated into revised independent Claim 17. Accordingly, Claims 5 and 7 have been cancelled. Claim 8 has been amended to depend on independent Claim 17. Additionally, independent Claim 16 has been cancelled.

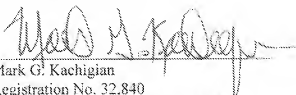
It is believed that the forgoing amendments to the claims place all of the remaining claims in condition for allowance.

Former dependent Claim 19, which was cancelled in a prior amendment, has been restated as new Claim 21, and is dependent on independent Claim 17.

Also submitted herewith is a petition for extension of time and payment therefor.

It is believed that the forgoing is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If any issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is respectfully requested. If there are any further charges associated with this application, authorization is given to change the Deposit Account No. 08-1500.

Respectfully submitted,



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